



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Mu-Jing Li, et al.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EFFICIENTLY LOCATING AND
AUTOMATICALLY CORRECTING CERTAIN VIOLATIONS IN A
COMPLEX EXISTING CIRCUIT LAYOUT

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT, INCLUDING
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND ELECTION**

This paper is responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed on November 22, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire December 22, 2005. In light of the Election, Amendments and Remarks herein, further consideration and examination on the merits is requested.

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